

## MINUTES TO MEETING

MEETING DATE: 9/23/20

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#	Discussion	Action By/Date
1.	<b>General</b>	
a.	7/9/20 minutes – not discussed	10/8/20
b.	ZOOM LOG-IN: KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR ALL MEETINGS: Egremont Town of is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89520559410?pwd=a1VXSzY4aTFWVy9Rb05mNDJTZ09lZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89520559410?pwd=a1VXSzY4aTFWVy9Rb05mNDJTZ09lZz09</a> Meeting ID: 895 2055 9410 Password: 511102 Find your local number: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89520559410?pwd=a1VXSzY4aTFWVy9Rb05mNDJTZ09lZz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89520559410?pwd=a1VXSzY4aTFWVy9Rb05mNDJTZ09lZz09</a>	On-going
2.	<b>New Business</b>	
a.	Rte 23 75% Design Documents 1. <u>EHC Design Goals</u> – maintain historical context, “pride of place”, town identity and scale along Rte 23 in lieu of an anonymous group of stores and houses along a highway heading for larger towns, 2. <u>EHC to reach out to the Mass Historical Commission</u> to confirm they received the documents and get advice on guardrails and sidewalks – BK to call 3. <u>Guardrails</u> – wood with cables preferred by EHC: BK to find prototypes used in other historical towns in MA, 4. <u>Crosswalks General</u> – EHC recommends textured surface such as asphalt hexagonal paving with a light and dark grey strip in lieu of white paint on black asphalt, and minimal signage as prescribed by state safety regulations 5. <u>Center Islands at 23/41 and 23/Creamery Road</u> – EHC recommends cobblestones at islands similar to Rte 7/23 intersection in lieu of concrete and paint. EHC does not recommend planting since it will not be maintained, 6. <u>Sidewalks</u> – EHC recommends a marble/concrete aggregate, historically tying the new sidewalks to the old, creating texture and scale in lieu of plain concrete sidewalks, 7. <u>Village Green</u> – EHC would like to explore completing the curb around the green, 8. <u>Trees</u> – EHC will request an arborist report to confirm that the roadway upgrades will not impact the trees on the Village Green and along the route in the scope of work and confirm that construction protection is adequate. ARM to confirm that crabapples are native and historic. If not EHC should make a recommendation. Trimming of trees at overhead wires should be done judiciously with the input of an arborist and aesthetic sensitivity, 9. <u>Granite Curbs</u> – EHC recommends easing curb edges to create a softer and safer edge for cars and pedestrians, 10. <u>Signage</u> – Eliminate obsolete business specific signage. 11. <u>Maintenance</u> – MDOT to provide a maintenance program for weed control, pruning and snow removal.	As noted
b.	History of Pinecrest Hill by Russell Longyear presented by SB. RT to send thank you note	RT
c.	MACRIS – Approx. 50% complete. Neil’s company has been dissolved and he is no longer working on our MACRIS documentation. EHC to retain a new consultant to complete this project	RT
d.	Town hall Sign: RT to add EHC to the next SB meeting	RT
3.	<b>Membership</b>	
a.	EHC to reach out for new members	10/8/20
b.	Ellen Maggio - resigned	
4.	<b>Historical Commission mission statement/collection policy/training – not discussed</b>	10/8/20
a.	EHC to review and revise mission statement and collection policy based on the PPM	RT
b.	Next steps: Prepare a presentation to present to the select board Sept. Meeting.	RT – get on SB agenda BK presentation

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5.	<b>Archive collection/organization/layout – not discussed</b>	
a.	EHC will recommend that an alternate group maintain archives. Either a new Society or the Library. Option to discuss with Friends of Egremont History currently Lynn Wood and Marge Wexler. Town Historian, Bill Wood, could also be part of this. This will be included in the SB presentation	BK – SB presentation
b.	Law Books: RT will separate those legal volumes that appear to have significance to Egremont history and obtain a quote for removal of books. RT will contact James Parrish to confirm book value and a clear understanding of what constitutes the Karner Collection. EHC has asked Town if any other group wants the books. The answer was NO.	RT - ongoing
6.	<b>Demolition delay by-law – not discussed</b>	
a.	EHC supports a demolition delay by-law BW to finalize proposed by-law RT to confirm with BW that he will continue to be involved and bring it to closure.	RT – 8/4
7.	<b>Outreach - not discussed</b>	
a.	Schedule meetings with the Select Board and other Town Commissions to coordinate mission	RT – fall meetings
b.	Develop a local out reach program to inform the community of our mission/activities/etc.	EHC-ongoing
c.	Invite Library Committee and look for ways to collaborate. RT to contact LC chair	RT - ongoing
8.	Publicize our role in town government and ongoing MACRIS effort	RT
9.	<b>COVID-19 historical record for archives – not discussed</b>	
a.	Attendees agreed that the EH should reach out to residents to collect stories and personal accounts of the COVID-19 epidemic and how it effected Egremont. RT will circulate a draft post for outreach to the community via social media. Out-reach should include Egremont residents, teachers and others involved with the town.	RT-on-going
10.	<b>Virtual Town birthday party 8/19 - Complete</b>	
a.	Video and T-shirt information available on the Town Website and on posters around town	No action
11.	Previous agenda items to be revisited <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Rte 23 DOT Project – Barbara Kalish</li><li>2. Complete Streets – Stephen Piersanti</li><li>3. Oral History – Barbara Kalish<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. EM will reach out to Will Conklin re. History of April Hill</li><li>b. EM to forward research about planning and ConCom restrictions by her daughter on AH</li><li>c. BK/EM to develop list of interviewees</li></ol></li><li>4. April Hill – furnishing of front room/Elliot Snyder</li></ol>	Ongoing EHC BK/EM SP ES
12.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
a.	Thursday, Oct 8, 4PM via Zoom	
13.	<b>End of minutes</b>	
a.	Submitted: 9/30/2020 by Barbara Kalish	